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NEGATIVE REACTION IN TOKYO

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SUMMARY: CHINESE GOVERNMENT 4-POINT STATEMENT ON SINO-
JAPANESE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY (PFT) APPEARS TO
HAVE PRODUCED NEGATIVE REACTION HERE. FONOFF OFFICIAL
PREDICTS AMBASSADOR SATO WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON
TREATY, BUT SEES COMPROMISE ON CONTROVERSIAL ANTI-HEGEMONY
CLAUSE LESS LIKELY THAN BEFORE NOW THAT CHINESE HAVE GONE
PUBLIC WITH THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITION. NO DECISION HAS
BEEN MADE ON WHETHER FONMIN SONODA SHOULD GO TO PEKING TO
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BREAK DEADLOCK, BUT CURRENT ATMOSPHERE MAKES VISIT UNLIKELY
IN NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY

1. IN LUNCHEON CONVERSATION MARCH 17, FONOFF CHINA
DIVISION DEPDIR SUGIYAMA TOLD EMBOFF THAT CHINESE GOVERN-
MENT 4-POINT STATEMENT ON PFT, HANDED TO KOMEITO SECRETARY-
GENERAL YANO BY LIAO CHENG-CHIH MARCH 14, HAS HAD

COUNTERPRODUCTIVE EFFECT IN TOKYO. SUGIYAMA RECALLED THAT IN CONVERSATION RECENTLY WITH FUKUDA-FACTION DIETMAN, KNOWN AS NEUTRAL ON CHINA QUESTION, DIETMAN HAD CHARACTERIZED ANTI-HEGEMONY PORTION OF 4-POINT STATEMENT AS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE." SUGIYAMA ALSO NOTED THAT MEMBERS OF JAPANESE PRESS, MAJORITY OF WHOM FAVOR CONCLUDING PFT AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, TOOK UNCHARACTERISTICALLY CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE AFTER SEEING FOR FIRST TIME CHINESE POSITION ON HEGEMONY.

2. NOTING THAT PM FUKUDA HAS BEEN CONSISTENT IN ARGUING THAT WORDING PROBLEM IN TREATY ON HEGEMONY SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN MANNER AGREEABLE TO BOTH SIDES, AND THAT 4-POINT STATEMENT'S LANGUAGE ON HEGEMONY DOES INDEED REPRESENT HARDENING OF CHINESE STAND (REF A), SUGIYAMA FELT PM WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO CHANGE HIS ATTITUDE SIMPLY BECAUSE CHINESE HAD MADE THEIR POSITION PUBLIC. SUGIYAMA SAID PRESENT FONOFF THINKING IS TO SEND AMBASSADOR SATO BACK FOR TALKS, FIRST WITH LIAO AND THEN WITH CHINESE VICE FONMIN HAN NIEN-LUNG, TO EXPLAIN ONCE AGAIN JAPANESE POSITION ON HEGEMONY -- EVEN THOUGH SUGIYAMA DOUBTED CHINESE WOULD BE DISPOSED TO COMPROMISE. FOLLOWING THESE TWO ADDITIONAL MEETINGS, PM WOULD DECIDE WHETHER TO SEND FONMIN SONODA TO PEKING. WHILE FONMIN HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS ALL ALONG TO TRAVEL TO CHINA TO BREAK DEADLOCK, SUGIYAMA EMPHASIZED THERE WERE NO PLANS AT PRESENT FOR SUCH A VISIT.

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3. COMMENT: FROM HERE IT SEEMS PRC MISCALCULATED IN PUBLISHING 4-POINT STATEMENT. INSTEAD OF SERVING AS IMPETUS FOR GOJ TO SIGN TREATY, IT APPEARS TO HAVE AROUSED JAPANESE WARINESS AND IS LIKELY TO MEAN FURTHER DELAY. MANSFIELD

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